

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 20th November 2016

Kerry Amateur Radio Group

KARG will hold their annual dinner on Sat 26th Nov, at Muckross House Cafe, Killarney at 12 noon. This is a social occasion to celebrate a very successful year of activities at KARG. Regular monthly meetings will resume in 2017 with the AGM taking place on Sat 28th Jan 2017 at the usual venue in Castleisland. New members or anyone interested in amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

Follow KARG on facebook and www.kerryamateurradiogroup.com

Have you a new personal EI callsign?

We are offering new personal EI licence holders free membership for a year. Anyone who has been issued with a new EI personal licence since 1st January 2016 can avail of this. To apply for membership it is only necessary to download and complete a Personal membership application form, entering the note "New Licence" under your signature. Existing IRTS members who qualify are entitled to a free one-year extension of their membership.

Now is the time to join IRTS as this offer expires on 31st March 2017.

Phoenix Rally February 19th 2017

The Phoenix Rally is usually the first EI rally of 2017 and that's exactly what's happening on Sunday 19th February 2017 at the usual venue of Coolmine Community School, Dublin 15. Should you require a table at the rally please contact Tony on 087 243 9997.

Southern Ireland Repeater Group

Upgrade and renewal work was carried out on the EI2HHR repeater 145.675MHz at Helvick Head near Dungarvan County Waterford on Sunday 6th November. A new Motorola repeater was installed and all antennas were refurbished or replaced. With

higher power output and changes to the antenna system the coverage should be much improved. Hopefully it will last as long as the previous installation, which was in place since 2003. On site and many thanks go to John EI8JA, Gareth EI7FZB, Nicky EI3JB, Liam EI8BLB, Neil EI3JE. Reports are welcome to: [sirnrepeaters /at/ gmail.com](mailto:sirnrepeaters/at/gmail.com). More information can be found by visiting our blog page at: sirnrepeaters.blogspot.ie

A full list of repeaters in Ireland is available on the IRTS website, just follow the link www.irts.ie/repeaters

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

EI7MRE held its annual AGM on Wednesday 5th October 2016.

A complete list of the newly elected officer is available on the club website.

The club holds their monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 9.30 p.m. at Breaffy House Hotel, Breaffy, Castlebar. Anybody interested in amateur radio, short-wave listening, electronics, computers etc. are more than welcome to come along, please check out our website at www.ei7mre.org for more information. The club has an active membership of people involved in the hobby of amateur radio, we hope to enter the next counties contest on new year's day, looking forward to working all in 2017.

Worked All States on 144 MHz

We hear that Tom EI4DQ has recently worked his last state for the ARRL Worked All States award on 144 MHz. This award involves working and confirming each of the 50 states of the United States of America. Tom tells us that the most difficult states to work were Rhode Island, Nebraska and Iowa. Tom EI4DQ has concentrated in recent years on EME (also known as Moonbounce) and achieved DXCC on 144 MHz a few years ago, the first and only EI to achieve that award.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of SEARG will be on Monday 28th November. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

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DX News

Alan K0AV will operate as ZD8V from Ascension Island from 21st November until 1st December. Activity will be mainly on CW and QSLs go via the home call. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW.

Mike AJ9C will be QRV as HR2/AJ9C from Honduras from 22nd to 30th November. Look for him on all bands 160m to 10m on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to the home call.

Tim NL8F and Paula NX1P will be on Norfolk Island from 22nd November until 3rd December. They will use the callsign VK9NF and be active on 160 – 10m on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL Manager is N7RO. During the CQWW DX CW contest (26/27 November) Paula will use the callsign VK9NX as a single op entry.

Christian IS0BWM will be on the air from the club station 9H0HQ/3 located in Kenge in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. His stay in the Congo is from 20th November until 25th December. QSLs should be sent directly to his Sardinian address.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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